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#### VIA U.S. MAIL & FACSIMILE: (615) 741-5015

Sharla Dillon, Docket Manager Tennessee Regulatory Authority 460 James Robertson Parkway Nashville, TN 37243-0505

Re: Petition of Tennessee American Water Company to Change and Increase Certain Rates and Charges So As to Permit It to Earn a Fair and Adequate Rate of Return on Its Property Used and Useful in Furnishing Water Service to Its Customers,

Docket No. 04-00288

Dear Sharla:

Attached are the Supplemental Responses of the City of Chattanooga to the Request for Discovery from Tennessee American Water Company. An original copy will be shipped today by FedEx overnight delivery and should arrive at your office around 8 a m. on December 22.

Thank you for you assistance in this matter. Please contact my office if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

MICHAEL A. MCMAHAN

Special Counsel

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## IN THE TENNESSEE REGULATORY AUTHORITY NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE

#### IN RE:

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**DOCKET NO. 04-00288** 

PETITION OF TENNESSEE-AMERICAN :
WATER COMPANY TO CHANGE AND :
INCREASE CERTAIN RATES AND CHARGES :

SO AS TO PERMIT IT TO EARN A FAIR AND : ADEQUATE RATE OF RETURN ON ITS : PROPERTY USED AND USEFUL IN :

FURNISHING WATER SERVICES TO ITS : CUSTOMERS. :

# SUPPLEMENTAL RESPONSES OF CITY OF CHATTANOOGA TO REQUEST FOR DISCOVERY FROM TENNESSEE AMERICAN WATER COMPANY

#### **DISCOVERY REQUEST NO. 4:**

With respect to each person you expect to call as a witness, including any expert witness, regarding this matter, state or provide:

a. the witness's full name and work address;

#### **RESPONSE:**

- 1) Trevor Hamilton, Chattanooga Chamber of Commerce, 801 Broad Street, Chattanooga, TN 37402.
- Daisy Madison, City Treasurer, City Annex, 100 East 11<sup>th</sup> Street, Fourth Floor, Chattanooga, TN 37402
- 3) Jim Coppinger, Fire Chief, City of Chattanooga, 910 Wisdom Street, Chattanooga, TN 37406
- 4) Tony Quarles, Fire Marshall, City of Chattanooga, 910 Wisdom Street, Chattanooga, TN 37406

b. each subject matter about which such witness is expected to testify;

#### **RESPONSE:**

- 1) Trevor Hamilton, Vice President of Economic Development for the Chattanooga Chamber of Commerce, will testify as to the importance of maintaining competitive utility rates in attracting new industrial and commercial businesses and to retain the existing industrial and commercial businesses. Chattanooga will loose a competitive advantage if water rates become too high.
- 2) Daisy Madison is expected to testify that the City of Chattanooga is a major customer of . Tennessee American Water Company, and currently pays about \$585,000 annually in water charges. Of this amount, over \$200,000 are payments from the sewer system. The sewer system is operated as an enterprise fund and its cost and expenses are recovered from sewer charges. Sewer charges are based upon water usage. Therefore, any increase in water charges will ultimately be passed on to sewer users in higher sewer rates
- 3) Depending upon what position other interveners take with respect to an across the board percentage increase in water tariffs to account for lost public fire hydrant revenues, Jim Coppinger or Tony Quarles may testify about their experience with respect to the use, location and expenses of maintaining fire hydrants as it may relate to the various rate classes.

Respectfully submitted,

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#### **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

This is to certify that I have this day served a copy of the above and foregoing pleading upon counsel of record by facsimile or depositing same in the United States mail with adequate postage affixed thereto, addressed as follows:

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